

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We, the Arizona congressional delegation, are writing to introduce the City of Flagstaff's (City) \$65 million grant application for a U.S. Department of Transportation INFRA and Rural Multimodal Discretionary Program Grant to fund construction of a collection of transportation projects known as the "Downtown Mile" in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The proposed \$65 million Downtown Mile project scope is the nexus of a BNSF Railway (BNSF) expansion project, a State Highway railroad underpass improvement project, two pedestrian and bicycle underpasses, a City railway overpass project, a transit connection center, an Amtrak station, and the Army Corps of Engineers/City of Flagstaff Rio de Flag flood control project. This grant is critical to provide interagency coordination and construction services to bring existing funding and resources together and deliver this significant group of projects for the community. Together, these projects represent the largest investment in the City since the interstate highway construction (I-17 and I-40) and federal grant funding will help ensure the partners the greatest possibility of these collective projects become a reality.

The Downtown Mile Project aligns resources from both public and private partners and provides a wide range of benefits, including:

- Contributes to planned corridor widening of ADOT State Highway 89A/B40 with improvements that provide standard height bridge clearance, multimodal facilities, and flood protection.
- Improves vehicular, transit, and bike/ped safety and efficiency in the community and connects and improves services to underserved neighborhoods.
- Supports regional and national climate action initiatives.
- Improves national rail freight capacity and efficiency.
- Improves connectivity to the Amtrak station and future Mountain Line Downtown Connection Center.
- Integrates with a funded Army Corps of Engineers flood control project, which will protect the State Highway and BNSF rail corridor from flooding impacts.

This effort will deliver a transportation corridor transformation that maximizes committed public and private agency resources and will serve our community, region, and nation. Thank you for giving your full and fair consideration to this request in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and guidance.

Sincerely,

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Tom O'Halleran
Member of Congress

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Mark Kelly
U.S. Senate

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Kyrsten Sinema
U.S. Senate

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Ruben Gallego
Member of Congress

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Raul Grijalva
Member of Congress

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Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress

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David Schweikert
Member of Congress

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Greg Stanton
Member of Congress